

# **Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)**

## **Steering Committee Meeting**

November 2, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Resources Agency Bldg., Room 1311

### **Draft Meeting Notes**

#### **Associated documents/handouts:**

- Agenda
- Steering Committee 10/05/07 Draft Meeting Notes
- Steering Committee 10/19/07 Draft Meeting Notes
- Framework Document: Introduction and Description
- Draft Science Advisors Report
- Framework Overview (Fisheries Agency Revision of 10/30/07)

#### **Action Items and Key Decisions**

- Steering Committee (SC) members should email their comments on the Science Advisors Report to Bruce DiGennaro with a copy to Karen Scarborough by 11/11/2007.
- Framework document will be revised by a small group and resubmitted to the SC by 11/11.

#### **Meeting Notes Review**

Review of 10/5 and 10/19 notes postponed until next meeting.

#### **Updates**

- Webcast of the recent Delta Vision workshop is available. Delta Vision staff are focused on putting together draft of Delta Vision document to be released in December.

#### **Science Advisors Report**

Wayne Spencer (science co-facilitator) and Denise Reed (lead scientist) presenting. The report is based on outcomes from the September science advisors workshop and is broadly inclusive. The science advisors did not consider the four conservation strategy options that were recently evaluated and did not have descriptions of proposed covered activities.

The report focuses on principles, critical ecological processes, and mechanics of the Delta, and how to use the analytical tools that are available. It is not meant to be a comprehensive overview of Delta ecology and is not a policy analysis. Key parts of the report include:

- plan scope,
- Delta ecosystem dynamics,
- information needs,

- data analysis and modeling (recommend using complementary statistical and conceptual models), and
- adaptive management.

#### Schedule:

- Report submitted to SC 10/31
- Comments from SC members to science facilitators due 11/11
- Final Report submitted to SC 11/16

BDCP SC members should email their comments to Bruce DiGennaro (science facilitation team) and copy K. Scarborough by Friday 11/11. Only factual errors, misunderstandings, and clarifications will be considered; no substantial changes will be made. See also Action Items and Key Decisions.

#### Key discussion points and suggestions:

- Report recommends that the science advisors work with BDCP membership to design appropriate adaptive management strategies.
- Climate change modeling could be incorporated in BDCP using models currently being developed by DWR.
- Consultants and existing workgroups will make suggestions to SC on how and when to integrate science advisors' recommendations into BDCP.
- Science liaisons will start to consider how BDCP should interface with ongoing Delta management and technical planning processes (e.g., IEP)
- Management team will provide summary of comments on the report from SC members to science advisors.

#### **Framework Document**

See also Associated Documents and Handouts (statement and framework). The BDCP management team provided a draft of a framework document for review by SC members. The document represents points of agreement among SC members for continuing the BDCP planning process, describing at a coarse scale habitat restoration and conveyance components of a conservation strategy that will serve as the initial foundation for the next planning phase. There was in-depth discussion by SC members about the level of detail and language in the document.

A group of SC members will convene to edit the document based on today's comments, and will re-submit to the full SC by 11/11.

#### **Public Comments**

No comments.

#### **Next Meeting**

Friday, 11/16/07. Same time and location

## **Meeting Attendees**

### *Representatives and management*

Karen Scarborough (BDCP Chair, The Resources Agency)  
Will Stelle (The Resources Agency)  
Steve Thompson (USFWS)  
Cindy Darling (The Resources Agency)  
Kenny Watkins (CFBF)  
Dale Myers (Zone 7)  
Sue Fry (USBR)  
Brent Walthall (KCWD)  
Jason Peltier (Westlands)  
Tracy Ligon (SCVWD)  
Ann Hayden (Environmental Defense)  
Greg Thomas (Natural Heritage Institute)  
Richard Roos-Collins (American Rivers)  
Tom Howard (SWRCB)  
Gary Bobker (The Bay Institute)  
Greg Gartrell (CCWD)  
Campbell Ingram (TNC)  
Jerry Johns (DWR)  
Carl Wilcox (DFG)  
Russ Strach (NOAA Fisheries)  
Randall Neudeck (MWD)  
Paul Cylinder (SAIC)  
Laura King Moon (State Water Contractors)  
Kim Delfino (Defenders of Wildlife)  
Denise Reed (Lead science advisor)

### *Representatives and management on phone*

Ron Kino (Mirant)  
Bruce DiGennaro (Science facilitation)  
Tom Birmingham (Westlands)

### *Additional attendees*

See sign-in sheets